

**Town of Vernon**  
**Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)**  
Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Teleconference Meeting

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Rachel Stansel called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. Also in attendance were Commission Members Don Schubert, and Frank Galat. Staff members present were Craig Perry, Wetlands Agent, David Smith, Town Engineer, and George McGregor, Town Planner

2. Administrative Actions

- 2.1 Amendment/Adoption of Agenda – Additional business to be considered under agenda item #9 “Other Business” requires Commission vote  
None
- 2.2 Approval of Minutes from the May 26, 2020, regular meeting  
*Don Schubert made a motion seconded by Frank Galat to approve the minutes from May 26, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 2.3 Communications received NOT related to Agenda items, if any  
DEEP Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters at 19 Rosewood Drive, Durrschmidt Pond.
- 2.4 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) and determination of status  
None

3. New Applications for Receipt and Determination of Significance

- 3.1 **Application [IWC-2020-05]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the demolition and replacement of the existing vehicular bridge (bridge number 03936) on Dart Hill Road, over the Hockanum River (no specific address or parcel id).

Dave Smith explained the location and condition of the current bridge and discussed the work to be completed; work should begin in early April. A question was raised regarding Section Six and significant vs. non-significant activity being checked. Mr. McGregor explained the intention was to check non-significant activity on the application.

Kirshor Patel, Design Engineer, added comments regarding construction and structure, explaining the raise in the road and explained the debris shield that will be installed under the bridge during construction. He also confirmed that a full-time inspector is part of the project. Discussion took place.

*Don Schubert made a motion seconded by Frank Galat to accept **Application [IWC 2020-05]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the demolition and replacement of the existing vehicular bridge (bridge number 03936) on Dart Hill Road, over the Hockanum River as non-significant activity. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### 4. Action on New Applications

##### 4.1 **Application [IWC-2020-03]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the demolition and replacement of existing vehicular bridge (bridge number 04575) on Main Street, over the Tankerhoosen River (no specific address or parcel id).

Dave Smith explained the project and reiterated the need for preservation and replacement of the historical bridge.

Dennis Garceau, Project Engineer, also reiterated the need for preservation and rehabilitating the existing truss, the contractor will put in a containment system, replacing the bridge with the intention of minimizing impact to the wetlands, new abutments are needed, there will be minor impact to wetlands and river. A temporary access road will be used. Discussion took place.

*Don Schubert made a motion seconded by Frank Galat that the Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission does hereby **APPROVE Application [IWC-2020-03]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands permit by Commission for the demolition and replacement of the Main St. Bridge over the Tankerhoosen River upon consideration of the decision criteria in Section 10.2 of the Town of Vernon Inland Wetland and Watercourse Regulations, and based upon the following findings:*

- 1. The application presents no adverse impact to wetlands and watercourses as evaluated by the criteria of Section 10.2 of the Vernon Inland Wetlands Regulations.*
- 2. No prudent or feasible alternative exists*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

- 4.2 **Application [IWC-2020-04]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the construction of athletic fields on a 2.25-acre portion of property located on Windermere Ave. (no specific address) near the Ellington Town line (Assessor's ID: Map 22, Block 0039, Parcel 00003).

Dave Smith referenced a site plan showing the property in Ellington and Vernon and discussed the grading and surface, noting no materials will be brought in or leave the site and also noted both communities need to sign off on this project. Discussion took place.

*Chairperson Stansel made a motion seconded by Frank Galat that the Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission does hereby APPROVE **Application [IWC-2020-04]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands permit by Commission for the construction of athletic fields upon consideration of the decision criteria in Section 10.2 of the Town of Vernon Inland Wetland and Watercourse Regulations, and based upon the following findings:*

1. *The application presents no adverse impact to wetlands and watercourses as evaluated by the criteria of Section 10.2 of the Vernon Inland Wetlands Regulations.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

5. Status of Cease & Correct Orders, if any  
None

6. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Report, if any

19 Grove Street **[IWC 2020-01]** - work has begun  
133 Tunnel Road – project on hold  
Storage facility behind Wendy's – on hold  
2 Lakeview Drive – expiration date coming up  
133 Washington Street – application expires 2021

7. Inland Wetlands Agent Approvals, if any  
None

8. Other Business

- 8.1 **Application [IWC-2015-02]**, Mr. Ken Kaplan requests an extension of the Wetlands permit issued for non-significant activity at property located at 161 & 200 West Main Street (Assessor's ID: Map 22, Block 0058 & 0059, Parcels 13 & 1).

*Don Schubert made a motion seconded by Chairperson Stansel that the Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission does hereby **EXTEND Application [IWC 2015-02]** until June 9, 2025, upon a finding that there has been no substantial change to the circumstances or development plan associated with the original 5-year permit. Motion carried unanimously.*

9. Chairperson Stansel adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan Hewett  
Recording Secretary

